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Application No. 10/619,179

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REMARKS

The Drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show all of the features recited in claims 19 and 20. Applicant has mooted the objection by canceling claims 19 and 20. Accordingly, the drawings have been maintained in their original form.

Applicant has mooted the Examiner's various objections to claims 1-18 by amending the claims as follows.

Claims 1-10 and 12-18 have been amended to indicate that they are system claims.

Claim 18 has been amended so as not to depend from claim 17 (and thereby multiple dependent claim 16). Applicant has added new claim 21, which recites the features of claim 18 and depends from claim 17.

Claim 11 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to indicate that it is a kit claim.

Applicant acknowledges the provisional rejection of claim 1 for obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/155,597. Due to the provisional nature of this rejection, applicant is not obliged to respond to the merits of the rejection at this time. Accordingly, applicant thanks the Examiner for drawing attention to the possibility that claim 1 may be subject to a non-provisional double patenting rejection should a patent be granted on U.S. Application No. 11/155,597, before a patent is granted on this application.

Claims 1, 4 and 7 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of applicant's U.S. Patent No. 6,981,990, alone and in view of Buttner-Janz (U.S. Patent No. 5,556,431). Applicant has overcome this rejection by filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) concurrently herewith as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, claims 1-18 and 21 are allowable.

Applicant solicits an early action allowing the claims.


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